

Gymnasia, 4:00 AM

Rochelle Goldberg, Dmitri Hertz, Krista Peters, Matthew Schrader

10/6/13 — 11/24/13

In Gymnasia, Goldberg/Hertz/Peters/Schrader, work collaboratively (what Hegel and Phil Jackson call “the I that is We and the We that is I”), transforming Cleopatra's into a modular apparatus cum seminar room to create a hybridized space, a gymnasium in the traditional sense, where you would go to exercise, socialize, and debate. Here, “working through” applies to both intellectual discourse and exercise regimen, sculpting happens to both art and bodies.

Mapping the Pilates machine “Cadillac” onto Giacometti's “The Palace at 4 a.m., we arrive at our current environment. Throughout the duration of the show, artists, writers, academics, and fitness instructors will hold sessions in their field of interest where participants can bend and extend their minds and bodies as one.

In Kathy Acker's text, “The Language of the Body,” she attempts to write about her experience as a bodybuilder, but repeatedly fails. “After each workout, I forgot: to write. Repeatedly. I...some part of me...the part of the ‘I’ who bodybuilds... was rejecting language, any verbal description of the processes of bodybuilding.” To Acker, bodybuilding and language are posited in antagonistic terms. Here, re-activated by gymnasia, is the proposition that an immersive art object can out stand the either or of mind and matter.

The notion of failure is central to improvement in both zones. You warm up, work your way through a regiment until you reach the limit at which failure emerges. Work it out. Rinse and repeat.

The gymnasium used to be a place for physical and intellectual education. Somewhere along the way they were separated and we've taken it for granted that it's always been that way. Physiology and ontology will once again meet at contrology.

-Jacob Berezin

Gymnasia Workout Schedule

Leah Pires: On/Under Discipline

Saturday 10/12/13

Michael Foucault, "Docile Bodies" and Marcel Mauss, "Techniques of the Body"

Leyna Noel: Sweat it Out

Sunday 10/13/13

Jared Buckheister, Peter Brock, Lucas Geronimas

Friday 10/25/13

Lia Lowenthal

Saturday 10/26/13

Thomas Eggerer

Monday 10/28/13 8:00PM

Rachel Rampleman, body builder screenings

Wednesday 10/30/13

Jamie Kelly

Saturday 11/09/13

Michael Brenson

Sunday 11/10/13

Joshua Johnson and Aaron Gemmill

Monday 11/11/13

Amy Sillman, Ezra Tessler and Devin Fore: Coffee Talk: The Lumpen

Saturday 11/16/13

Piper Marshall and Karin Schneider

Saturday 11/16/13

Moyra Davey and Ulrike Müller in conversation

Sunday 11/17/13

Tim Simonds

Tuesday 11/19/13

Pam Lins and Doug Ashford

Saturday 11/23/13

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